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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 47
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mrs. Sarah Evetts for her dedication to informing the people of Lawrence County and particularly her hometown of Ethridge.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those citizens who have put their vitality and ingenuity to use for the betterment of the lives of the citizens of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sarah Evetts is one such citizen, having devoted her seemingly limitless energy to creating a television station which covers mainly the events and history of Ethridge and the rest of Lawrence County; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Evetts, at seventy-six years of age, enjoys the loving companionship of her husband, Dean, and the devoted support of her seven children, fourteen grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, she serves as owner, programmer, producer, engineer, reporter, and camera-person for her tiny television station, not to mention that she will rarely accept advertising: "No, there are no sponsors and advertisers, only a small one, but that is not more

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than \$34.00 a month. . . If I had to sell advertising, it would take the fun out of it"; she willingly pays out of her own pocket for the expenses surrounding the operation of the station; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Evetts has also served as a board member of the Lawrenceburg/Lawrence County Crime Stoppers Organization; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, she was presented with a key to the city of Lawrenceburg by Mayor Ivan Johnston in recognition of her contributions to the entire county; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, she was named Ms. Senior South Central Tennessee for her representation of Lawrence County in the pageant; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Evetts' influence reaches far beyond the borders of Lawrence County, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Evetts has appeared on *Late Night with David Letterman*, *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson*, *Entertainment Tonight*, *To Tell the Truth*, *Inside Edition*, and on the British Broadcasting Network's *Wong Show with Steve Anderson*; and

WHEREAS, she has also been featured in *The Tennessean*, *Star*, *Globe*, *People Weekly*, *Time Magazine*, and *USA Today*, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, she has been much applauded for her spirited dedication to the upkeep of "the smallest TV station in the world that is 24 hours a day on the air"; and

WHEREAS, with approximately 20,000 potential viewers, her television station holds the attention of sixty percent of that group during prime viewing hours; and

WHEREAS, her efforts have been recognized by President Ronald Reagan, for whom she put together a production on behalf of the people of Lawrence County, who sent her a personal note of thanks; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to honor and commend Mrs. Sarah Evetts for her many contributions to the people of Ethridge and the rest of Lawrence County and for her positive representation of Tennesseans across the nation and beyond; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we applaud Mrs. Sarah Evetts for her many contributions to the town of Ethridge and the state of Tennessee, as she is an exemplary citizen and a great source of pride to this state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.